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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MEETING WITH CARIBBEAN HEADS OF

GOVERNMENT

TO SECRETARY FROM SISCO

1. YOU WILL RECALL TALKING WITH BILL ROGERS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FITTING INTO THE PRESIDENT'S MARTINIQUE TRIP A STOPOVER IN TRINIDAD TO MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN. BILL HAS IN MIND A VISIT OF NO MORE THAN SIX HOURS WHICH WOULD INCLUDE A WORKING SESSION AND A SOCIAL FUNCTION. TO GO FORWARD WITH THIS IDEA, WHICH I THINK AN EXCELLENT ONE, AND TO ALLOW ENOUGH TIME TO COMPLETE THE ARRANGEMENTS, WE WILL SOON NEED TO APPROACH ERIC WILLIAMS, PRIME MINISTER OF TRINIDAD FOR HIS VIEWS. BILL THEREFORE WOULD LIKE TO SEND A MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT RECOMMENDING THE VISIT AND ASKING AUTHORIZATION TO EXPLORE IT WITH WILLIAMS IMMEDIATELY.

2. THE LATTER IS CURRENTLY TRAVELING IN THE UNITED STATES. IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO SOUND HIM OUT BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR THE FAR EAST ON NOVEMBER 1. FOR THAT PURPOSE A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM YOU TO BE DELIVERED BY A
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SENIOR DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER WOULD BE HIGHLY USEFUL.

FOLLOWING IS A PROPOSED TEXT:

3. BEGIN QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: I HAD HOPED THAT WE MIGHT PERHAPS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET DURING YOUR CURRENT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES AND REGRET THAT OUR SCHEDULES DID NOT MAKE THAT POSSIBLE. IN PARTICULAR I WANTED TO SEEK YOUR COUNSEL ON HOW WE MIGHT FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN AND MY OWN.

IN MY VIEW NOTHING WOULD BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN THAT REGARD THAN AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRESIDENT FORD TO MEET PERSONALLY WITH YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES, THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN. IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULED TRAVEL TO MARTINIQUE IN MID-DECEMBER MIGHT PROVIDE THE POSSIBILITY FOR SUCH A MEETING SOONER THAN IT COULD OTHERWISE BE ARRANGED. I HAVE THEREFORE ASKED (NAME OF DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER) TO CALL ON YOU TO EXPLORE THIS IDEA.

IF A MEETING DOES PROVE FEASIBLE, I WOULD LOOK FORWARD WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT AND SEEING YOU AND YOUR COLLEAGUES.

IN ANY EVENT, I HOPE YOU ARE FINDING YOUR STAY IN THE UNITED STATES PLEASANT AND REWARDING.

WARM REGARDS. HENRY A. KISSINGER. END QUOTE.

4. IF YOU APPROVE, WE WILL SEND MEMO TO PRESIDENT RECOMMENDING VISIT AND AFTER HIS AUTHORIZATION, WILL SEND YOUR MESSAGE TO WILLIAMS. INGERSOLL

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